

# TOURIST DRIVE: 14

MITTAGONG > SUTTON FOREST VIA MOSS VALE > 28KM

## **Mittagong to Sutton Forest via Moss Vale**

Length approximately 28km

Tourist Drive 14 commences as you leave the F5 Expressway. As the road straightens you will come through the village of Braemar, continue into Mittagong passing the Highlands Golf Club and Mittagong Caravan Park.

You will see the Southern Highlands Visitor Information Centre on your left as you come into the town.

Welcome to the town of Mittagong. Settled in 1821 and the home of the first iron smelting works in Australia, you can visit the historic Fitz Roy Iron Works site located in the underground carpark at the Highlands Marketplace shopping centre.

It was thought that the town would become a large industrial centre as coal, shale and iron were found in large quantities. The mining companies folded one by one and now all that remains of that era are the many gracious old buildings and small charming cottages, built from local timber and sandstone.

Continue through Mittagong to Bowral. There are many specialty shops to browse through and a variety of cafes and restaurants. Bowral's famous Bradman Centre and International Cricket Hall of Fame, is just a short walk from the town centre.

As you continue towards Moss Vale you will come across The Briars Inn, circa 1848 and the more recent addition of the Country Lodge on the right hand side. Just down the road call into the Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve, a great place to relax a while and nearby is the Bong Bong Track, a shared pathway winding along the Wingecarribee River. Cross the river on your way into Moss Vale. Take in the Old Clock Tower, The Historic Walk and Leighton Gardens.

After leaving Moss Vale travel through rich grazing lands to Sutton Forest. On your left you will see the entrance to "Hillview", the former Vice Regal residence. Once in the village Sutton Forest Inn and the Everything Shop are on the right hand side. The Highlands Equestrian Centre for anyone interested in furthering their horse-riding skills is situated on the right just after the intersection.

Rejoin the South Western Freeway (Hume Highway) a little further down the road.